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1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/73/14) in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/73/L.48. During its consideration of the statement, the Advisory Committee met with representatives of the Secretary-General, who provided additional information and clarification, concluding with written responses received on 12 December 2018.

2. Under the terms of draft resolution, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to report to the Assembly at its seventy-fourth session on the progress made in the implementation of the resolution, including options and recommendations to improve its implementation.

3. According to the Secretary-General, the resources to implement the request of the General Assembly contained in paragraph 14 of the draft resolution would amount to \$105,200, of which an amount of \$26,000 would be absorbed, resulting in additional one-time requirements in the amount of \$79,200. The resources would provide for the following activities:

(a) Under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management: documentation services in the amount of \$26,000, which would be absorbed, for one pre-session document (8,500 words) in the six official languages, which would constitute an addition to the workload of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management;



(b) Under section 24, Human rights: (i) an amount of \$74,500 for general temporary assistance at the P-3 level for six months in 2019 to gather and analyse information, develop relevant options and recommendations and prepare the report; and (ii) an amount of \$4,700 for travel of staff for the head of the human rights monitoring mission in Ukraine to travel to New York to present the report.

4. With respect to the general temporary assistance at the P-3 level for six months in 2019, the Advisory Committee was informed, upon enquiry, that the position would be based in Geneva and that the appropriate calculation basis had been applied.

5. With respect to the amount of \$4,700 requested for the travel of staff, the Advisory Committee was informed, upon enquiry, that the total requirements for travel of the head of the human rights monitoring mission in Ukraine to New York for the purposes of presenting the report to the General Assembly would amount to \$4,512, or \$188 less than the requested amount. **The Advisory Committee notes the discrepancy and recommends the approval of \$4,512 under travel of staff, representing a reduction of \$188 in the amount proposed by the Secretary-General.**

6. **The Advisory Committee notes the extrabudgetary nature of the activity and trusts that the Secretary-General will ensure that extrabudgetary and regular budget resources are attributed appropriately.**

7. The Secretary-General indicates that no provisions have been made in the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 for the implementation of the requested activities and that it would not be possible at present to identify activities within the section concerned that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during the biennium (A/C.5/73/14, para. 8). With respect to the total appropriation for the biennium 2018–2019, the Advisory Committee was informed, upon enquiry, that, as at 30 November 2018, expenditures under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, amounted to \$283,126,700, representing 45.3 per cent of the appropriation; and expenditures under section 24, Human rights, amounted to \$106,229,800, representing 52.4 per cent of the appropriation.

8. Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was informed that the human rights monitoring mission in Ukraine was wholly funded through extrabudgetary resources in the amount of \$6.85 million for 2019 and had been deployed by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in March 2014 at the request of the Secretary-General and upon the invitation of the Government of Ukraine.

9. **Taking into account its recommendation in paragraph 5 above, the Advisory Committee recommends that the Fifth Committee inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.3/73/L.48, an additional appropriation in the amount of \$79,012 would be required under section 24, Human rights, for the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019, representing a charge against the contingency fund.**